

A Noble of Note—Gordon Jenkins, Major, (retd)

Tunis Shriner Gordon Jenkins awarded the 2009 Commendation of the Minister of Veterans Affairs for distinguished work promoting veterans affairs and well-being.

The Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation Background

Since serving in uniform, many of Canada's Veterans continue to provide outstanding service to their country, their communities and their fellow Veterans. To formally recognize the contributions of these outstanding Canadians, the Governor General authorized the creation of the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.

The Commendation is awarded annually to individuals who have contributed in an exemplary manner to the care and well-being of Veterans or to the remembrance of the contributions, sacrifices and achievements of Veterans. The Commendation is intended primarily for Veterans, but may be awarded to non-Veterans.

In addition to these noteworthy accomplishments, Gord was recently elected

President of the national capital chapter of the NATO Veterans Association and has just authored "The History of 115 Air Transport Unit (of the First United Nations Emergency Force)-RCAF-March 1957-29 May 1967" Gord also served the Legion Of Honour performing Sick and Visiting duties, attending and caring for several members. He recently collected and mounted a display of members military memorabilia to preserve members military heritage for posterity and to assist in focusing Shrine attention on their loyal, dedicated and devoted service to our nation.

Gord is an active member of the Tunis CIRCUS committee and the Tunis Directors staff and also contributes considerable volunteer effort to promote the Tunis Lunch Bunch, a weekly focal point for members. Gord is a noteworthy and strong supporter of veterans compensations and benefits and readily assists members to ensure that they understand and benefit from those rights.

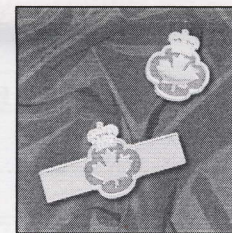
Gord exemplifies the finest attributes of masonry and the Shrine. His untiring efforts and dedicated work for veterans has



Gordon Jenkins (left) receives the Minister of Veterans Affairs 2009 Commendation from the Honourable Greg Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs on Tuesday 21 April 2009.

focused a great deal of credit and reflected honour on Tunis Shriners

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From LtoR, Mike Jenkins (son), Jan Jenkins (wife), Gord Jenkins and Greg Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs. Photo by Scott Fuller 21 April 2009.

His official citation reads:

"Mr. Jenkins retired from the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps as a Major in 1971 with over 25 years service. During his second career as Treasurer of the Department of Public Works, he was directly involved with all national monument and war memorial funding, including the renovation of Canada's National War Memorial. Mr. Jenkins founded the Ottawa Tunis Shriners Legion of Honour, a Shriners Veterans association, and led their recruitment and subsequent participation in Year of the Veteran events in 2005. He established annual Legion of Honour

Memorial Parades and a Sunset ceremony at Beechwood cemetery. He also led the Tunis Legion of Honour to join the International Association of Legions of Honour and has led the Canadian Veterans' contingent to annual memorial services in Arlington, Washington. For his leadership, the international association awarded him the 2006 Distinguished Service Award—the first time a Canadian Veteran has been awarded that distinction. Mr. Jenkins is a strong supporting member of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum and is the Veterans Volunteer Coordinator for the Museum."



Now Hear This...



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International Commander's Message

Legion Nobles, Ladies and Friends of the International Association Legions of Honor — I thank all who have graciously welcomed my Lady Shirley and myself, as well as Ms Elizabeth and Ms Boots (when they travel with us), treating us to genuine Hospitality. Our travels have been super and the functions we have gone to are very well organized and extremely interesting. We went to Billings, Montana, for the PNSA, which was hosted by our very good friend, Dwaine Selk, (better known as Sarge) and Lady Sylvia, along with the very capable members of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association Legions on Honor and their Ladies. Food was great, hospitality was un-ending, and the attending IALOH Officers, myself and Lady Shirley, Howie Wynia and Lady Cathy, Lt. Commander Butch Arnold, his C.O.S. Kenny Miller, and 8th Lt. Commander, Morris Sykes. At the Banquet, we were pleasantly surprised by being recognized and presented with a small Trophy for Attendance for our individual Shrine Centers. I also had the Honor of installing the Officers for the ensuing year for the PNSA Legions of Honor.

We were lucky to have so great a crowd in San Antonio for the Imperial Session, and I thank all who came and enjoyed the meeting and hospitality.

We were also privileged to be able to welcome the Mexico City Shrine back into the Legion of Honor. Lt. Commander Jack Tuomey presented the International Charter to the Anezeh Legion of



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Honor Commander, I.S. Dennis Strole, and Adjutant Paul Graham. We had close to 80 people there including the Yaarab Potentate, I.S. Gary Petty, and his entire Divan. Even our friend Tommy Rousseau (Imperial Photographer) was able to find time to attend (for coffee and rolls) and take some photographs. Thanks Tommy!!

We attended the SESA in Jacksonville, Florida, and had a real good time with hospitality, food and drinks, dodging the rain (some of it), and Inspections. Three Units tied for 1st place! Close, huh!! And for the first time in longer than I can remember—it rained on Jack Smith's Parade (he said it was because he saw me getting hot while he drove and I marched). Bob Tally provided us with a very substantial banquet at the Officers Club at Jacksonville NAS. (I've gained 10 LBS—that should tell you something!) Please keep me away from the table!!! I also had the Honor of installing I.S. Bob Hoffman, PP, and his corps of officers for 2009-2010. We also negotiated a time for him to hold his SESA Mid-Winter in conjunction with the April 5-10, 2010, International Association Legions of Honor Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We were able to set aside sufficient time for their meeting.

We were able to stop on the way up to GLSA LOH, in Cincinnati, Ohio and visit with my original Shrine Center, Syrian. We attended the annual Steak Fry and got a partial commitment that they

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Looking at the Future...

SASA LOH Fall Meeting
Virginia Beach, VA
18 September 2009

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Arlington, VA
05-08 November 2009

IALOH 2010 Convention
Chattanooga, TN
06-10 April 2010

Check the IALOH web site for
Upcoming Association Events

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